



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Section	14	<b>Discipline and control (N.J.A.C. 10:127-6.14)</b>	

### §10:127-6.14 Discipline and control

(a) The facility shall develop house rules to help the children develop self-control and conform to acceptable patterns of social behavior.

1. The facility shall put the house rules in writing.
2. The house rules shall include a rationale for such rules and delineate the consequences for infractions.
3. The facility shall explain its disciplinary practices individually with each child at the time the child is placed in the facility.
4. The rules shall be maintained on file in the facility and made available to parents.
5. The house rules may be incorporated in the child's bill of rights, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:127-3.2.

(b) The facility shall assign responsibility for the discipline, control, and supervision of children to staff members and shall not delegate that responsibility to other children.

(c) The facility shall not threaten discipline or administer discipline to a child for the misbehavior of another child or group of children.

(d) The facility shall prohibit the following types of punishment from being used on a child:

1. Any type or threat of physical hitting or the use of corporal punishment;
2. Forced physical exercise or forcing a child to take an uncomfortable position;
3. Subjection to verbal abuse, ridicule, humiliation, or other forms of degradation;

4. Deprivation of meals, sleep, mail, clothing appropriate to the season or time of day, or verbal communication;
5. Mechanical or chemical restraint;
6. Assignment of overly strenuous physical work;
7. Exclusion from any essential program or treatment service, such as education or clinical treatment;
8. Refusal of entry to the residence;
9. Temporary suspension and return of a child from the facility to a parent, relative, foster home, or shelter, unless approved by the Division or other placing agency; and
10. Seclusion in a locked room.